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"...a primarily undergraduate Catholic college, founded and sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, [which] pledges itself to a tradition of excellence and to a liberal education that is a united endeavor of intelligence and faith."

— excerpted from the College
mission statement

On the cover: Women at the table:
clockwise, L to R: Corlina Brickley,
Nancy Russman, Linda Forrest,
Susan Ploszek, Karen Henkle, Kathy
Choka, and Denise Garbon Hedrick.

A Fireside Chat WITH FDR

Women's History Month is a fitting time to pay tribute to the women of Saint Joseph's College. This is an exciting opportunity for us to celebrate the many achievements of the dedicated women—known and little-known—who pioneered, formed, and inspired others on campus. We highlight the history with facts and figures, as well as fun and fanciful recollections.

The College has had a long tradition in educating men. However, women have always had their rightful place here, long before they became a part of our regular student population. From librarians to laundresses and dieticians to deans, from dining halls to teaching halls, women have helped to shape the identity of the College. Deep in the heart of our foundation is the memory of what St. Katharine Drexel started. The focus of her devotion and insight has carried us into the next two centuries.

In the early to middle part of the last century, the female presence on campus consisted mainly of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, whose involvement was largely “contributed services,” their domain being the kitchen, the laundry, and the mending room.

The fifties saw some forays into bringing females to campus for study and teaching; in the foment of the sixties, we embraced an important



President Dennis Riegelneegg



“We were veterans for the cause of a new lifestyle at Saint Joseph's College.”
-Patricia Lawson '72



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transition in our history, and since then, women have been equal in achievements to men in the institution. When SJC was young, there were few female role models. Our housemothers became our mothers, our administrative assistants kept the organization in order, and our coaches motivated us. Early female faculty were committed to the success of our students at a time when they were themselves forging their way in a challenging world.

We honor the first female cohort—"The Vets"—who became what they wanted to be, perhaps motivated by the early excitement of their circumstance and their pioneering spirit. Through the discovery of their own voice as part of the conversation on campus, they paved the way for others to gain access and maximize their potential.

"Women today are innovators, organizers, and leaders to a degree previously unknown in Western culture. We are the richer for it."

—Br. Terry Tastard, S.S.F.

In the last 40 years, women found their own way through the ranks, broadening their representation from administration to faculty to athletics to College

leadership with dramatic impact. We are so proud of our heritage of advancing inclusion and developing leaders.

In 2012, women leaders abound at the College, in a dynamic learning community dedicated to advancing everyone for professional and personal success. For Women's History Month, we celebrate the spirit, creativity and commitment that SJC's women have brought, and continue to bring, to our community.

What Do You Want to Know?

Contact Christine Babick Saqui (219.866.6177 or cbs@saintjoe.edu) if you'd like to ask President Riegelneegg a question, and we may publish the answers in *Contact*.



ABBE HOFFMAN SPOKE AT ST. JOE'S. THEY'VE GOT AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLUB. FREE SPEAKING NEWSPAPER. IT'S A PRETTY GOOD PLACE. BUT THE THING THAT SOLD ME WAS MY DAD'S AGAINST ME GOING THERE.



Nick Fetcko '13, Ben Geels '12, Morgan Myers '12, Brian Witt '13, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Brian Capouch, John Hall '12, Sainaa Sabol '12, and Phil Rabensteine '13.

Software Engineering Class Blends

TECHNOLOGY with HISTORY

Assistant Professor of Computer Science Brian Capouch and his Software Engineering class recently presented their work on a cemetery mapping project. The class spent time at Independence Cemetery in Gillam Township, which is near Medaryville in Jasper County. Independence Cemetery, founded in 1836, is the oldest cemetery in Jasper County.

Students used Android mobile devices with built-in GPS, virtual reality, and Google Earth to provide information about the cemetery. The class created an app that offers this information, plus bios, stories, life timelines, marker condition, and military service—making use of images, sound & video clips. The project was difficult and

time-consuming, but the students were excited to work on something that challenged them and encouraged improvisation and creative thinking.

“This project was a phenomenal learning experience,” said senior Computer Science major Ben Geels of Fort Wayne, Ind. “As the database administrator for the Pastfinder.org project, I learned how to create a programming system and had to figure out a way to make the database easy for the common person to use. I gained a lot of valuable experience, and it was interesting to see how technology can be incorporated with history.”

For more information on the Pastfinder project, visit www.pastfinder.org/independence.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

MAGGIE SCHMITT ~ Senior Elementary Education major Maggie Schmitt of Kodiak, Alaska, was awarded a CLASS (Community Learning Through America's Schools) Grant from the National Education Association's (NEA) Student Program. The grant will help to provide bilingual books for elementary students.



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TRIPLE VISIONS

Three Emerging Artists

In January 2012, two alumni and one current student of Saint Joseph's College presented their original artwork at the Carnegie Center in Rensselaer, Ind. in a show titled "Triple Visions: Three Emerging Artists." Inspired by their studies abroad and their professors at SJC, **Michael Crowthers '09**, **Andrew Dudich '11**, and **Juan Carlos Rodriguez '13** showed artwork spanning many cultures and disciplines. With the knowledge they gained at SJC, the men's work proved to be stimulating, insightful, and beautiful.

Michael Crowthers graduated from SJC with a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts. He then attended the Art Institute of the University of Chicago, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He studied abroad in Florence, Italy his senior year, where he developed a stronger love for the classical form. Crowthers is currently the Curator of the Permanent Collection and Exhibitions Coordinator at the Anderson Center for the Arts in Anderson, Ind.

Andrew Dudich graduated from SJC with a Bachelor of Arts in Art. He returned home to Westville, Ill., where he is the director of web and IT services for WITY radio in Danville, Ill. He is also the co-director of the Danville Art League Studio and teaches hand-building workshops in ceramics. His artwork is diverse, incorporating many different styles—from ceramics to digitally manipulated photography.

Juan Carlos Rodriguez is a junior Art major at SJC. He has served as President of the Gallagher Charitable Society and the SJC Art Club. He was also a coordinator for the Prairie Art Council's Junior Art Club at the Jasper County Youth Center for three semesters. Rodriguez utilizes many disciplines in his artwork, including ceramics and photography. He studied abroad in Granada, Spain in the spring of 2011. Some of his photography from the trip was on display at "Triple Visions: Three Emerging Artists."

To see Crowthers', Dudich's, and Rodriguez's work and how SJC influenced the men as artists, visit the official Saint Joseph's College YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/saintjoe1889.



Michael Crowthers '09



Andrew Dudich '11



Juan Carlos Rodriguez '13



A GRADUATE PROGRAM WITH A CONSCIENCE

Saint Joseph's College MBA Program

Is what an advertiser does to enhance their product ethical? When is a contribution a bribe? When does collaboration become cheating?

Even before the collapse of major companies in the past decade due to management malfeasance, immoral and/or illegal behavior, and questionable decision-making, the respect and trust citizens had in many of the actors on the business stage was declining.

Enter stage "right"—a business education that emphasizes ethics. Many MBA programs around the country have provided a new direction, framing the principles and application of business ethics in a capstone course.

Saint Joseph's College MBA Program was launched in fall 2011 with its own uniqueness—its tie to SJC's Core Curriculum and Christian ethics. As is done in Core, the MBA Program instills the principles of Christian Humanism. The MBA Program's emphasis on ethics, social responsibility, and justice is a natural reinforcement of the fundamental concepts that encompass the Christian values found in SJC's undergraduate programs.

MBA Program Director Dr. Wayne Cunningham explains, "Whenever we in good conscience make a decision, it is our responsibility to think about the planet and

sustainability for the six billion people at the bottom of the pay scale. So while profit is clearly a motive, it's absolutely necessary to judge whether a decision is right or wrong from the perspective of ethics, social responsibility, and justice."

For students who have an undergraduate degree in Business or Accounting, the program normally consists of 12 courses, or 36 credits. Students whose undergraduate degree is in something other than Business may be asked to satisfy some prerequisites. There are many options for satisfying prerequisite courses—students may take them online or while enrolled in the Program, get credit by examination, or choose several other avenues.

Ben Kalinowski '10, an SJC employee, started the Program in fall 2011. An English major, Kalinowski says, "I was hesitant to join the Program initially, fearing that my lack of a business background would prove to be a hindrance. I was also intimidated by the unexpected, given that I would be among the Program's first students. I can imagine I felt similar to the first women to arrive at SJC when the College opened its doors to both genders, though certainly with the same degree of anxiety and uncertainty. After overcoming my initial reservations, I quickly realized the MBA Program was more than worthwhile."

BEN KALINOWSKI '10

Despite SJC's MBA Program being in its infancy, it has already proven to be beneficial and highly rewarding. //

Ethanol Production as it Relates to Midwest Poverty

In a small Illinois town 30 miles from Rensselaer, IN, the majority of the population is living in primitive conditions. Many go without running water and use tires to hold up the remaining parts of their roofs. Situated in the woods and surrounded by what used to be healthy farmland, Hopkins Park is mired in poverty. The local soil is of poor quality, and many in the area go hungry. The Chicago Tribune reported that the average household income in the area is \$14,000, well below the state average.

The Program reflects Core in another way—the curriculum requires students to “walk the talk” with a hands-on approach: a service learning project is coupled with coursework. Students take all the discussions they had in different classes and all the tools they learned to use: designing, planning, executing, and evaluating—and apply them to a real, living landscape—a not-for-profit. SJC hopes to instill in students the desire to continuously “give back.”

“My hope is that some of the material will work for a nonprofit—it doesn’t have to, but if it happens, it means that SJC succeeded,” says Cunningham.

Stephanie Vanderhere '06, who received a B.S. in Accounting, will be graduating with an MBA in May 2012. She is a staff accountant/office manager at a

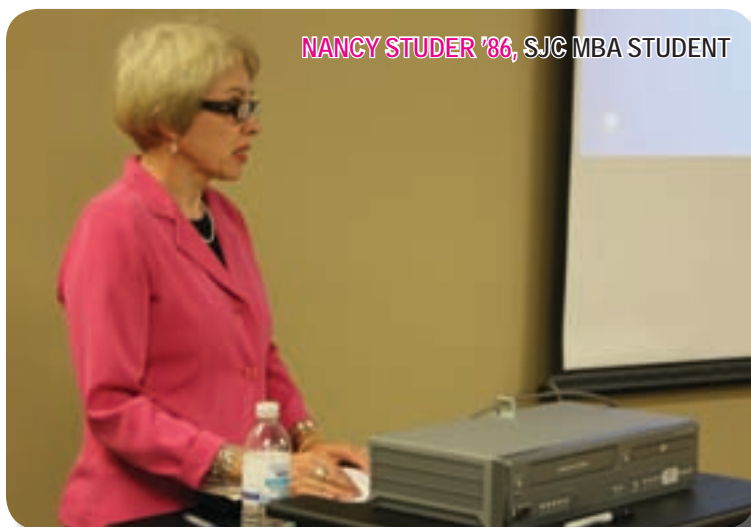


STEPHANIE VANDERHERE '06

“In today’s society women have many roles: wife, mother, caregiver, etc. Your education is something you can do for yourself that will offer a lifetime gratification. A graduate degree can open many doors for women and hopefully can bridge the pay gap that many experience. **”**

small accounting firm in Lowell, Ind.; her goal is to work in an accounting department within a museum: “This program ties together the Christian Humanism values that the Core Program is based on and real life experiences.”

A new component in the program is being offered this spring: “MBA 670: Global Environments of Business.” Students enrolled in this course are going to Berlin, Germany and Krakow, Poland. Another exciting element is the exploration of further options involving various locations and online courses. Cunningham says, “We’re in the process of doing a marketing survey to determine if it would be cost-effective to deliver the program in Lafayette, Indianapolis, and the Chicago area.”



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Anne-Marie Egan BLAZING A TRAIL FOR EDUCATION

majority of the College's faculty committees at one time or another.

Although she was one of the few female professors at SJC, Anne-Marie found the staff, faculty, and students to be very accepting of her.

"There were few challenges that arose from being a female on campus," said Anne-Marie. "Everyone was very

accepting and supportive. However, during the 60s, I was often the 'token woman' on faculty committees."

Anne-Marie was also fortunate to have a few members of the campus community who were positive role models and lifelong friends. She points out **Fathers Ernie Ranly, C.P.P.S. '52, Rudolph Bierberg, C.P.P.S. '35, Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S. '40, and Ambrose Heimann, C.P.P.S. '35** for their undying support throughout her career. Fr. Lawrence Heiman was very progressive in affording women the same opportunities as the males on campus, and Anne-Marie worked with him for 30 years teaching in the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy.

During her time at SJC, Anne-Marie continued to further her education: "I took many classes in different areas," said Anne-Marie. "When I found out I was going to be a Core Director, I felt I needed to learn more about the topics that would be covered in that Core, especially scripture, medieval philosophy, and Renaissance and Reformation history. I wanted to be prepared."

Anne-Marie also sensed the growing importance of learning computer skills, especially after one of her students turned in a music theory assignment he had done with music notation software.

"After receiving that assignment, I realized that I should learn how to use a computer. It was something I needed to learn, and that's exactly what I did, thanks to several SJC computer classes."

As one of SJC's pioneering women, Anne-Marie set the standard for being a humble role model and achiever. When asked what her greatest accomplishment was as an educator, she had a wealth of them from which to pick. Her answer reflected her thirst for knowledge.

"I've always loved to learn," said Anne-Marie. "I feel that I imparted that to my students and inspired intellectual curiosity in them. Teaching full-time while raising seven children was my major achievement."

Anne-Marie's 46-year teaching career at SJC was marked by her love for acquiring knowledge and passing that passion on to her students. She blazed a bright trail at SJC for both men and women, and made a lasting impact there.

In a time when higher education was difficult for women to enter, Anne-Marie Egan paid little attention to the gender bias. While she was growing up in Westminster, Md., Egan's love for learning, particularly in music and French, drove her to further her education. Egan graduated from Western Maryland College (re-named McDaniel College), where both her parents were professors, with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and French.

From Maryland, Egan made her way to Bloomington, Ind. to study at Indiana University. During her time there, she had classes with her future husband, John. After earning her Master's of Music Theory and Master's of French, Anne-Marie was wed to John.

When John had initially done his college search, he received a scholarship offer from SJC.

"John would have liked to go to SJC for his undergraduate degree, but SJC did not offer a Music major at the time. When a position opened up at SJC, John liked the thought of teaching at the small school in Rensselaer that had offered him a scholarship."

When the Egans arrived in Rensselaer 50 years ago, it took very little time for Anne-Marie's academic background to pay dividends.

"Somebody at the College found out I was fluent in French, and that opened the door for me at SJC," said Anne-Marie.

During her first summer at SJC, Anne-Marie taught French to six seminarians, who wore cassocks to class. Before long, she was teaching full-time as one of the first lay female professors at SJC. Anne-Marie would go on to teach piano, French, music theory and many other Music courses, and freshman and sophomore Core. She also served as a Core Director for 20 years, was accompanist and assistant director of the College Chorus, served on the Academic Cabinet for 20 years, and served on the

The road traveled by Inge Erickson to Saint Joseph's College spanned years and countries. Born in Germany, where she spent the first 12 years of her life, Erickson came to Vermont with her mother and her American step-father. She completed grade school and high school in Vermont before getting accepted to Simmons College in Boston, Mass. Erickson double-majored in Chemistry and English and got married shortly after graduation.

Erickson's work took her all over the country, from Minneapolis to Iowa and Kansas to Louisiana and Virginia. She was also a screenwriter of educational films in Lawrence, Kan. A film she wrote on the Crusades was awarded first prize at the Columbus Film Festival.

Erickson also penned the screenplay for a film shot in Hays, Kan. that dealt with young boys being influenced too much by women.

Searching for a secure area in which to raise her two young daughters, Erickson found the Lafayette, Ind. area ideal. Upon her arrival, Erickson interviewed for a position at SJC and was hired by then President Fr. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. to be the Director of Development. Although she was one of few female administrators on campus, Erickson never felt hindered or threatened at work because of her gender.

"Gender was never much of an issue," said Erickson. "Fr. Banet had an amazingly open-minded attitude on such matters."

Erickson's co-workers, especially Fr. Banet, were highly influential in her career at SJC.

"Fr. Banet was a wonderful leader. He had a sensible and pragmatic view on the world, and he acted on his convictions. He did what he thought was right, and I admired him for it. He was also blunt and could be tough

Inge Erickson UNIQUE PATH



on you, but I appreciated that he always said what he thought."

Other notable co-workers Erickson mentioned included her supervisor, Vice President of Development Jim Valentine, a creative thinker who had a wonderful impact on the College and who promoted Erickson to Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing. Erickson also pointed out SJC's current Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing, **Dr. Maureen Egan '90**, whom she had appointed as Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

"Maureen was wonderful to have in our department," said Erickson. "She was a go-getter, very secure in her skin, and could literally succeed in anything to which she dedicated herself. Janet Gick, my Director of Public Relations, was also a tremendous worker and a joy to have in the office."

Erickson singled out Anne-Marie Egan as well.

"Anne-Marie was a wonderful woman. She was so intelligent and kind, and SJC was blessed to have her. It was truly incredible how many outstanding employees we had at such a small institution."

Much as Fr. Banet was described as tough but fair, Erickson felt she was similar as an administrator and leader. She admitted that it could be challenging to be tough at times.

"In those days, it was harder being tough as a woman than it was for a man. Women weren't necessarily supposed to be tough."

Despite that challenge, Erickson proved to be an admired and successful fundraiser and vice president. She had a fantastic time at SJC and will always remember the people she worked with, the friends she made, and the goals she achieved. Erickson is now retired and lives



in Lafayette, spending her time traveling to such places as Egypt and Colorado Springs to visit her daughters and beautiful grandchildren.

"Everything worked out perfectly for me," said Erickson. "I left SJC on my own terms and with the fondest of memories, and I am loving life."

Erickson has traveled a long road with many stops along the way, and the mark she left at SJC is one that can still be seen today. She helped pave the way for the female administrators working today at the College, and her legacy is carried on and felt with each passing day.



Mildred Tait
**MASTER OF
BUSINESS**

Close friends of former SJC President Fr. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., the Tait's would often vacation with Banet in Florida. Tait received an Honorary Degree from the College in 1982 and, together with her husband, established the Lloyd and Mildred Tait Scholarship at SJC. For a time, the couple made their residence in Brook, Ind. in the former

home of George Ade, acclaimed playwright and humorist.

A businesswoman at heart, Tait's desire to succeed matched her desire to see other women excel in business. She was the president of the Skokie Valley Professional Business Women's Association and always commanded the attention of co-workers with her knowledge, passion, and authoritative demeanor.

"Millie loved to see women be successful in business," said Ryan. "It was something in which she took great pride and joy."

Despite her tough attitude as a manager, Tait was described by Ryan as a fun-loving, outgoing, and gregarious woman who loved to travel and play golf and bridge. She visited such places as India, Africa, and Paris, and was a die-hard fan of the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs.

Not long before her passing, Tait joined the Ryans on a trip to Milwaukee to see the Cubs take on the Brewers. Despite her age, Ryan recalls Tait having a fantastic time and really getting into the game.

"She was a great friend and a wonderful woman," Ryan said.

A supreme success in business and her personal life, Tait will remain an important part of the history and culture at SJC and an example of how anyone can succeed with the right mix of confidence, intelligence, and passion.

"Trendsetter" is the one word Dave Ryan, Executive Director of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, would use to describe Mildred "Millie" Tait. A Life Trustee and Friend of Saint Joseph's College, Tait was a key fixture in the SJC community and a groundbreaking entrepreneur and manager. Ryan and his wife, Mary, were close friends of Tait and recall her as a passionate, determined, sociable woman who knew how to entertain and succeed at everything she tackled.

Tait was born in Colton, S.D. in 1919. She moved to rural Wisconsin and attended Whitewater Teachers College and married Lloyd Tait from Evansville, Wis. Together with Lloyd, she started the Per Pak Corporation in the 1960s. The company wrapped products such as children's toys, which would then be placed in cereal boxes and other boxed products. Per Pak's clients included General Mills and other large food vendors. The company was synonymous with the likes of SC Johnson and Kellogg's.

Per Pak was eventually purchased by Jefferson Smurfit, one of the world's largest producers of paper-based packaging products. Following the sale, Tait became the company's sole female manager.

When Peggy

Weatherhead

Guccione '69 arrived at SJC, she walked into an experience that she describes as “unique.” Guccione belonged to the second class of female students at SJC, and it brought with it many challenges.

However, the challenges proved to be beneficial. Guccione, now a Professor of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas, says she wouldn't be where she is today without the knowledge gained and time spent at SJC.

Guccione was born in Indianapolis and moved to Lafayette with her family, and then moved to the Chicago area. Guccione's father was employed by Argonne National Laboratories and worked on the United States' first nuclear submarine. Guccione went on to attend high school at Sacred Heart Academy in Lisle, Ill. and wanted to continue her education at a Catholic college or university. She applied for admission to Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., but was rejected due to an unfortunate set of circumstances.

“My grades weren't an issue in getting turned down,” explained Guccione. “As part of the Baby Boomer generation, many colleges and universities didn't have enough room for those qualified to attend. I didn't get in because there were simply too many people.”

Unfortunately for Guccione, Catholic University was the only school to which she had applied. As a result, she had to attend an all-women's Catholic college in Chicago. It was there that she was exposed to SJC, which was still an all-men's institution. SJC would send some of its young men to Guccione's school for dances, and the thought of attending SJC became appealing for two reasons: Guccione wanted to continue her Catholic education and the College was going co-ed. After one semester in Chicago, Guccione transferred to SJC to major in Geology.

“I grew up in the Sputnik era, and I was very interested in the sciences. I knew I wouldn't succeed in courses such as physics and chemistry, but geology really appealed to me.”

When Guccione arrived at SJC, she was faced with an interesting housing situation. Because there were so few women on campus, they were forced to rent rooms or apartments in town. Justin Hall, SJC's first women's dorm, wasn't constructed until Guccione's senior year.

“Living off campus actually had a lot of advantages. The best thing about it was not having mandatory lights

Peggy Weatherhead
Guccione '69

BLAZES A TRAIL IN THE SCIENCES



out, which the men on campus had at the time. It was an interesting experience being a minority.”

There were many challenges Guccione and her fellow female classmates faced. Guccione was the only female of her class majoring in Geology, and she felt that she had to be better than average in class to survive. It was experiences such as this that toughened her up and shaped her into the woman she is today. Although Guccione never had any female teachers in science or math, she found role models in the likes of **Dr. Don Ballmann '54**, Professor Emeritus of Geology Michael Davis, and Professor Lyle Sleeman.

“The professors really cared about their students, and they didn't come into class every day like it was simply their job to teach. They lived what they taught, and that's something very unique about the professors at SJC.”

Following graduation, Guccione married a fellow Geology student. The two went to Miami University of Ohio, where Guccione received her Masters in Geology. She and her husband moved to Colorado, where Guccione received her doctoral degree in Geology. She then moved to Arkansas and was hired by the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where she continues to work today.

Guccione misses the family atmosphere at SJC. She has been back to campus several times, returning for the dedication of a multi-purpose conference room in the Robinson Memorial Library, named in honor of her former professor, Michael E. Davis. Guccione made a significant contribution to the 21st Century Campaign for the renovation and outfitting of the room.

Guccione came to SJC during a memorable time in its history and came out a woman ready to accept the challenges of the world. She will continue to utilize the lessons she learned both in and out of the classroom as she brings the close, personal touch she experienced at SJC to her students in Arkansas.



Sr. Catherine Fay

TOUGH ENOUGH

didn't work, she sent a letter to Conroy's father.

"My father wasn't too happy after receiving that letter, and he reminded me that I was a college student and needed to shape up."

Despite her hard-nosed approach to tutoring, Sr. Catherine was a caring person who often showed glimpses of a fun spirit behind

her serious façade.

"She was a wonderful woman. She loved to tell stories, and she certainly loved to teach and get on your case," said Conroy. "But in those deep blue eyes of hers, there was always a sparkle."

Conroy met frequently with Sr. Catherine up until commencement, when he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Sr. Catherine was, of course, in attendance, and Conroy made it a point to thank her for all she had done for him. She responded by saying, "Go be successful and make everyone proud."

Even after graduation, Sr. Catherine remained an important part of Conroy's life. Conroy would visit her when he was in the Rensselaer area, and his parents went to see her on multiple occasions when she moved to Iowa.

Sr. Catherine passed away in 2004. Conroy surmises that, upon arriving in Heaven, she told God how He could be doing things better. In the meantime, Conroy lives in Porter, Ind. and is currently a territory manager for Zoll Medical. He still strives to make Sr. Catherine proud, and he often thinks about the tremendous impact she's had on his life. Conroy's sons, Tim '13 and Tyler '15, are current students at SJC, and Sr. Catherine is a major reason why they came to his alma mater. As Conroy said, Sr. Catherine embodied the close, personal touch that all students receive at SJC.

"She was a very special woman," said Conroy. "They don't make them much better than her."

*H*e may not have cared much at the time, but Tim Conroy '89 was not taking advantage of his time at Saint Joseph's College. Fortunately for him, Professor Walter Scherb saw a young man ruining a golden opportunity and introduced him to Sr. Catherine Fay, B.V.M.

"I wanted to wring Prof. Scherb's neck at the time, but my introduction to Sr. Catherine turned out to be one of the greatest blessings of my life."

It was the second semester of his freshman year, and Conroy was in need of some guidance. Sr. Catherine immediately set about instilling in him the attitude and focus needed to achieve. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Conroy would meet with Sr. Catherine in her office in Dwenger Hall.

"Every time I went to see her, I'd have to walk up a long staircase to her office where I'd sit across from her in a student desk. I felt like I was one of the Blues Brothers going to see Mother Superior."

Despite the sometimes intimidating walk upstairs, Conroy grew fond of Sr. Catherine and her dedication to helping him succeed. Together, they would go over the week's Core lectures, readings, and other assignments. Sr. Catherine was certainly tough, and it helped keep Conroy focused and driven in order to meet her standards. When he decided not to show for their meetings, it never crossed Sr. Catherine's mind to let him off the hook. She made several calls to his dorm, asking whoever answered where he was. When that



“We, Sisters of the Precious Blood, are called to proclaim God’s love by being a life-giving, reconciling presence in our fractured world.” –Mission statement of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton, Ohio.

Just as God is a servant to all, serving as a beacon in the night for those who have wandered astray, Sr. Donna Liette, C.P.P.S. has made it her vocation to help reconcile wounded souls.

Working for Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in the violent “Back of the Yards” neighborhood on Chicago’s South Side, Sr. Donna spends much of her time working with at-risk youth who face gangs, drugs, and violence daily as they struggle to follow their dreams and find peace in the midst of violence.

As a restorative justice practitioner, Sr. Donna uses her knowledge and faith to clear the gritty and tumultuous path walked by these children and young adults. It may not be where Sr. Donna envisioned herself when she decided to join the Sisters of the Precious Blood, but she knows it’s where she belongs.

A far cry from the urban area in which she now finds herself, Sr. Donna was raised in the small town of North Star, Ohio. She pined to go to a good high school, and her desire to provide service to others led her to the Sisters of the Precious Blood High School in Dayton, Ohio.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Dayton, Sr. Donna was sent to California to teach first grade

Sr. Donna was sent all over the country to teach as part of her ministry, from Indiana to California to New Jersey. All together, Sr. Donna taught for 25 years in elementary education, including a 12-year stretch at St. Augustine Catholic School in Rensselaer. During this time, she worked closely with **Fr. Philip Gilbert, C.P.P.S. ’52** to form a math lab where students could learn in an interactive environment. After several years of teaching at St. Augustine, she received a fellowship to do graduate studies at New York University.

“My time in New York was spent learning how to teach innovatively. I’ve always believed that the joy of learning has to be caught, not taught.”

After completing her Master’s in Education and Supervision, she returned to St. Augustine to implement the innovative teaching techniques she had learned at

Sr. Donna Liette, C.P.P.S. GOD’S SERVANT



NYU. Her education motto was, “The joy of learning is caught, not taught!”

Sr. Donna left St. Augustine to teach in Fort Wayne, Ind. Later, her love for SJC led her to jump at the opportunity in 1986 to serve as a campus minister at the College. During her time at SJC, Sr. Donna taught Core 1 and was instrumental in organizing the College’s first Kairos retreat, which consisted of her, four student leaders, and several retreatants. Sr. Donna would be involved in SJC’s first 10 Kairos retreats.

“My time at SJC really enhanced my Precious Blood spirituality, and I will always carry what I learned at SJC in my heart,” said Sr. Donna.

After leaving SJC, Sr. Donna attended Loyola University in Chicago, where she earned her Master of Pastoral Studies. It was during this time that Sr. Donna’s vocation shifted from education to spiritual counseling and rehabilitation. She began working with the incarcerated and homeless. Although she wanted to work in the prisons, women were not allowed to be prison chaplains at the time.

An opportunity presented itself when Mercy Manor in Dayton had an opening for its director position. Mercy Manor, a transitional residential home for women recently released from prison, was a perfect fit for Sr. Donna and eventually made for a smooth transition to Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago.

In Chicago, Sr. Donna has been able to apply her theory for forgiveness and rehabilitation.

“My hope is to create a more restorative community and prison system, one built on healing and counseling instead of suffering and punishment. I feel that’s the best approach to take when trying to heal an individual.”

In addition to working at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, Sr. Donna spends time at the Cook County

Juvenile Detention Center and Dwight Prison with a woman who was sentenced to life without parole at the age of 15. Sr. Donna has served as a spiritual guide for “Jacqueline,” now 35, helping her to find the strength for reconciliation and healing. The woman is up for clemency, and her case will be heard in April.

Working with Fathers **David Kelly, C.P.P.S. ’77** and **Denny Kinderman, C.P.P.S. ’63**, in the “Back of the Yards,” Sr. Donna is using her experience of past ministries to help build restorative, safe places for youth rather than supporting punitive practices and institutions.

“Together at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, we build peacemaking circles in neighboring schools, in Cook County Juvenile Detention Center and wherever harm has been done or relationships need to be built,”

said Sr. Donna. “We bring together victims and offenders for understanding, forgiveness and healing.”

Despite the roadblocks, it is the hope of everyone at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation that more money will be raised to help meet their needs. Sr. Donna also expressed hope in sending a few of the young men and women at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation to SJC to receive their college education. She is currently collaborating with SJC on a fundraiser to bring in more resources for the expanding needs of the center.

As a teacher, counselor, servant, and Sister of the Precious Blood, Sr. Donna has answered the call to be a life-giving, reconciling presence in a violent and fractured world.

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation:

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Mary Ann Meyer FR. BANET'S RIGHT HAND

recalls: “My mother started work when my oldest brother was in fourth grade, I was in second grade, and my youngest sister started school. Not many wives worked outside the home at that time.”

Meyer then worked for Fr. Banet (pictured with Meyer at left) in the Library and accompanied him as

his secretary when he became President of the College. Meyer worked for Fr. Banet his entire 28 years as the President (the longest in SJC history).

When Fr. Banet retired in 1993, Dr. Skip Shannon succeeded him, and Meyer stayed on as the President’s secretary under Dr. Shannon until her death in 1998.

Jean recounts her mother’s perspective about being a female working at SJC: “I don’t really remember my mother ever having any issues with being a woman working at SJC.”

Meyer loved her job. Her devotion was made apparent when, even when she was very ill, she would call and check in at the office. Inge Erickson, former Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing, had a close relationship with Meyer. “Mary Ann was a very strong and devout supporter of Fr. Banet, and she was essential to the operation of the College,” said Erickson. “She was an excellent golfer, extremely bright and passionate, and a very dear friend to me.”

Another woman who was a strong and positive influence at the College was Mary Ann Meyer. Fr. Wellman offered Meyer her first job in the Robinson Memorial Library at 75 cents an hour. She offered him a counterproposal, telling him she was worth \$1.25 an hour. He agreed—and so Meyer began on September 1, 1964 what was to be a long career at SJC.

Her trajectory at the College would include working in the Library, the old Administration Building that burned down, and the building where the Office of the President is now located—McHale Hall.

Meyer’s daughter, Jean Witherington of Rensselaer,

*S*r. Patricia Robinson, B.V.M. grew up in a religious family populated with teachers. It's no surprise, then, that she would go on to become a nun and a teacher.

Sr. Pat grew up in Chicago near the town of Oak Park with her parents, four sisters and a brother, and religion was an important part of their lives. However, Sr. Pat didn't consider a religious vocation until her sophomore year at Immaculata High School, an all-girls school in Chicago. She was passionate about teaching as well.

"My mother and several aunts were teachers, so the profession ran in the family. Teaching was something I had a passion for, so I checked out the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose core values include freedom, education, charity, and justice."

Following high school, Sr. Pat attended Mount Carmel-Sisters of Charity, B.V.M. Motherhouse in Dubuque, Iowa. Sr. Pat entered with a group of about 70 women who went through a two-step process on their road to becoming nuns. The first six months gave the women and the order a chance to see if they were a good fit for each other. The women who decided to stay and whom the community received then went on to take at least two and a half years of classes.

From Dubuque, Sr. Pat went to teach in parish elementary schools in Iowa, Illinois, and Montana. Requirements for certification and credit toward a degree were accumulated during the summer. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English, History and Education.

"The sisters in our community went all over to teach," said Sr. Pat. "Teaching in Montana was an amazing experience. We would go tobogganing, horseback riding and mountain climbing. It was lovely."

Sr. Pat eventually returned to the Chicago area, earned her Master of History from Loyola University, and subsequently taught in Lincoln, Neb. at the diocesan high school for four years. She then taught at Carmel High School in Mundelein, Ill. At this time, she was invited to go to the University of Notre Dame to study for a doctorate in sociology. Her interest in sociology began with a fascination for relationships—relationships among people, between people and their institutions—all types of relationships.

"While I was at Notre Dame with Sr. Catherine Fay, B.V.M., SJC suffered a devastating fire. There was speculation that the College might shut down despite

Sr. Patricia Robinson
**FINDS CALLING
IN FAITH AND
EDUCATION**



its good reputation and strong student body. Dr. Robert Garrity, the Vice President for Academic Affairs at SJC, asked Sr. Catherine and me to join the faculty and be part of the rebuilding process."

At SJC, Sr. Pat would teach courses in Sociology and Political Science. Her interest in Sociology began with her fascination with relationships—relationships among people, between people and institutions, between governments—all type of relationships. Teaching Sociology at SJC, Sr. Pat had the opportunity to witness the close, personal relationships between students and faculty so commonly identified with SJC. She also formed many close bonds with fellow faculty members such as William Downard, **Fr. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. '50**, and **Fr. Rudolph Bierberg, C.P.P.S. '35**, who Sr. Pat described as one of the most beloved men on campus. Sr. Pat recalled the camaraderie the faculty felt and the great times they had together. "When I first started at SJC, most of the faculty lived in Rensselaer. It was very easy for everyone to get together, and we often gathered for food, games, and conversation. We had some wonderful times as a group."

Besides teaching, Sr. Pat was a student advisor and was involved with Campus Ministry. She recalled Kairos and the impact it continues to have on its participants.

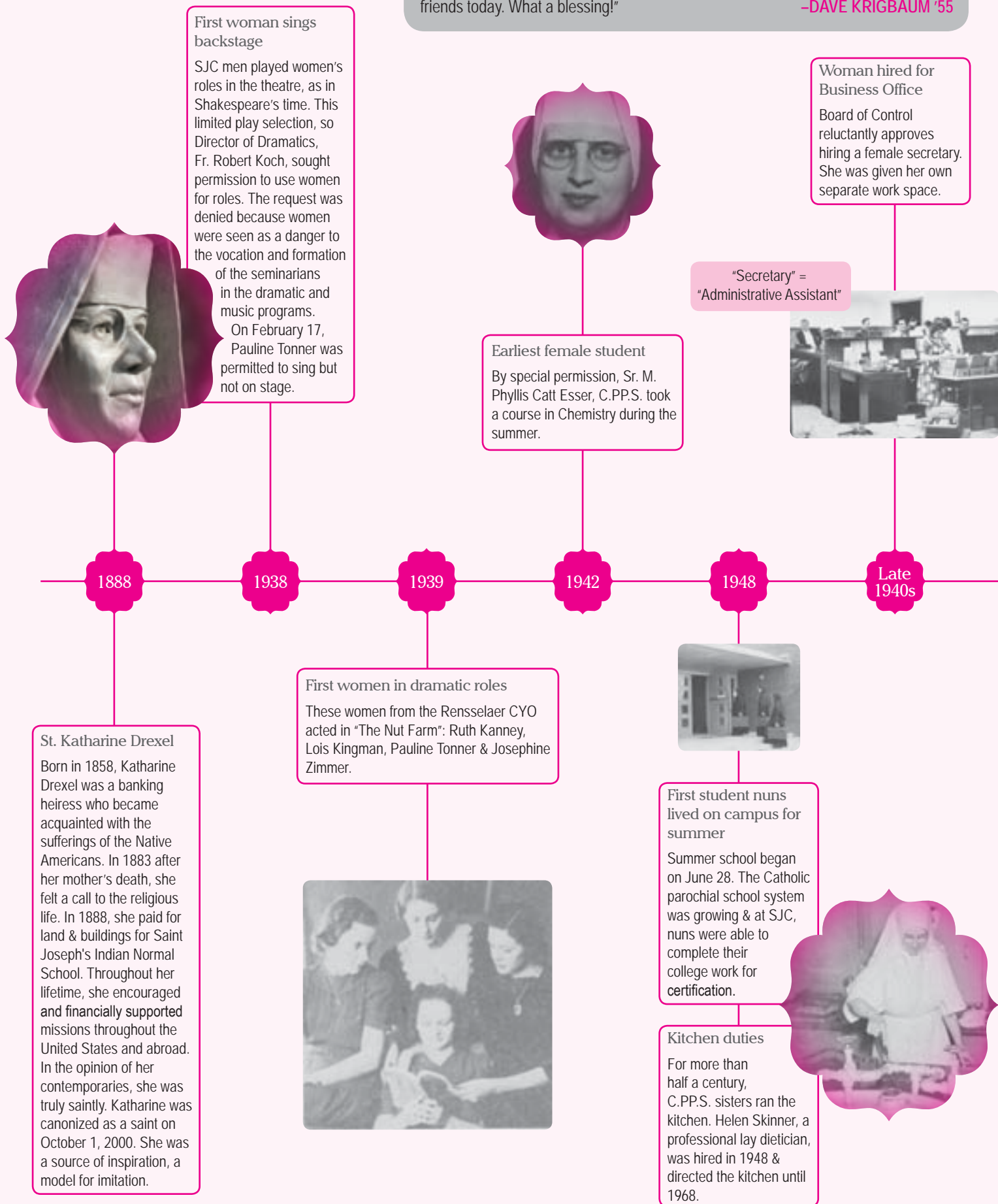
"Kairos is an emotional experience, and it was great to see the friendships born and maintained because of Kairos."

Sr. Pat is currently enjoying retirement and continues to make her home in Rensselaer. She visits SJC regularly and maintains an unbreakable bond with the College.

"I loved my time at SJC. It's a marvelous college and offers an excellent education, and it's always a pleasure to run into Pumas after they've graduated and share memories."

"Social life was somewhat limited, but I remember vividly the mixers with Catholic girls' colleges—Mundelein College, St. Mary of the Woods, etc. What fond memories of friends and experiences from those days. Many of my classmates are still close friends today. What a blessing!"
—DAVE KRIGBAUM '55

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First women on the faculty for academic year

In September, two C.P.P.S. sisters from the Univ. of Dayton were hired—Sr. Anthonita Hess, PhD, History & Social Science, and Sr. Theona Smith, English. Also added to the faculty were Dr. Emily Chen for Accounting and Sr. Petronella Schroeder, PhD, for Biology. Dr. Chen shattered 3 traditions at once by also being a non-white and a non-Catholic.



1065 men, 23 women enrolled

Women students began participating in campus activities, such as leading cheers, attending club meetings.

Late 1960s billboard promoting SJC



First women to graduate

Precious Blood Sisters: Phyllis Esser, Gaspar (Louise) Hoelscher, and Giovanni (Ruth Ann) Meyer. They spent only their last year of college here. Eleven nuns lived in Drexel Hall.

159 nuns attended summer school.
14 different orders represented.



1952

1956

1957

1959-1960

1960

1967

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Attending classes

First woman to attend classes during the academic year was Mary Lou Worland Robinson.

First female nurses

Nell Harris and Jean Granfield

First lay woman graduate

Nancy Dye Beck commuted from Wolcott, Ind.; she spent only her last year of college here.

Admitting women

After a survey of alumni, faculty & students, the President's Council voted on July 6 to admit women as residents on campus in the fall of 1968.



Hess



Chen



Petronella

"When I was a freshman, washing pots and pans paid 85 cents an hour. Often after punching out on the time card, there would be a sister in habit scooping ice cream into small dishes to be served as dessert. Of course, I would stop and help her—that is what an SJC guy would do."
—PAUL SANER '55

"The Vets" = "1972 Female SJC Cohort"

First female cohort to graduate

They call themselves "The Vets." Their 40th anniversary will be celebrated with a reunion at Homecoming 2012.



1975 SJC Homecoming.

Nancy Scott Valenkamph '81

Valenkamph is being inducted posthumously to the SJC Hall of Fame this April for her accomplishments in volleyball. She was coached by Linda Taulman.



First Dean of Women

Nona Noel was hired because women students were about to move onto campus. Elizabeth Dunn became the director or "house mother" of Justin Hall, soon to become affectionately known as "Ma Dunn" (pictured).



Women's volleyball and basketball teams

For the first time, the teams competed with other colleges—volleyball in the first semester & basketball in the second.

1968

1972

1975

1975-1976

1977

1981



SJC goes co-educational

A new hall was built in honor of Justin Oppenheim, benefactor & Trustee. The East wing of Justin Hall was devoted to 80 women and the other wing to men, with the view that the entire hall would eventually be a women's dorm. Enrollment was 1427, a record number. Female students were not deprived of the College initiation of wearing green "beanies" from the Bookstore.

"The New Dorm" = "Justin Hall"



Student Association President

Deborah Frantz '77, a Math-Computer Science major from Reading, Penn., became the first woman SA President.



Women's tennis and track teams

Both were raised to varsity status, making it four varsity sports that women participated in. Competition at this time was not as strong as it would be in a few years when other colleges would be extending athletic grants to attract outstanding women athletes.



Dining Services is located in Halleck Center.

Dining Services

Pauline Huffman set the all-time record of 31 years of service, 1957–1988.

Women's basketball team

The Lady Pumas won the GLVC Championship with a season record of 25-3. On March 12, the team won the NCAA Div. II Great Lakes Regional Tournament. They finished the season with a 27-4 record and were ranked 8th among NCAA Div. II teams. In 1989, the team won the GLVC Championship for the 2nd year in a row, then went on to win the NCAA Div. II Great Lakes Regional Tournament under coach Dave Smith '86.

Jeannette Yeoman Mosher '90

She was one of the 1986 Indiana All-Stars named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2011 Women's Silver Anniversary Team. Mosher was inducted into the 2004 Great Lakes Valley Conference Hall of Fame. She finished her career holding 27 SJC records. The 1989-90 GLVC Player of the Year, she scored more than 50 points on two occasions and was inducted into the SJC Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. She ranks 20th all-time on the NCAA Division II chart with 2,280 points. She is the head women's basketball coach at State University of New York at Cortland.



1986

Cross country

Karen Austin '89

set the cross country course record at the NCAA Div. II Great Lakes Regionals, the first time an SJC student had done so. It qualified her for the Women's National Meet in California on November 19.

1988

Golf and soccer

Were both added as varsity sports for women.

1988-1989



1989

First female head trainer

Not only was Cathie Fedder the first to hold such a position at SJC, but she was also one of only two female head trainers at Indiana colleges.

2011



Alicia J. Dobbels Clevenger '91

Clevenger is being inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2012 Women's Silver Anniversary Team. In 2010, she was inducted into the SJC Sports Hall of Fame. She was a member of the women's basketball team, 1987-91. Clevenger ranks 13th in total points for SJC and is a member of the College's 1,000-point club. She also ranks 5th in total rebounds, and the Pumas posted a record of 103-17 during her four years on the team, the second highest winning percentage over a four-year span in SJC history. She is the principal at Edgelea Elementary School, Lafayette, Ind.

2012

Women's track: longest winning streak in SJC history

The team had a remarkable year, claiming their third consecutive Little State Championship and finishing the season with a perfect mark of 28-0. They had three straight unbeaten seasons, for a total of 93 consecutive wins—by far the longest winning streak in any sport in SJC's history, thanks to coach Dave Smith '86.



Class of 1972 THE VETS

Meeting Abbie Hoffman

Abbie Hoffman came to Rensselaer when, as an underclassman at SJC, the thought of meeting a nationally famous radical made me a nervous wreck. But that's what I did at his welcoming reception off-campus at an English professor's home. Contrary to what I anticipated, he was very cordial and cool as he shook my hand and repeated my name. Although I knew he had done the same thing a thousand-plus times before over the course of his celebrity years, for a few seconds, he focused on me and I, too, felt very cool! Twenty years later, I met Abbie again in Boston at the annual conference for media community affairs directors. He was the keynote speaker at our dinner. After the dinner, I approached him and, as I began to reintroduce myself and refresh his memory about his brief time at SJC, he picked up the conversation mid-sentence and recalled every detail of that evening. After all those years, he remembered SJC, me, and his escort out of town by the Rensselaer police force!

—Patricia Lawson '72

Remember?

Getting thrown into the big puddle in front of Justin...mud fights...Saturday night steak and shrimp...self-serve ice cream...laundry building with dryers that cost a dime...cigarette machines with 35-cent packs...campus movie nights with people yelling, "Fix it!"...students tipping over desks by falling asleep in Fr. McCarthy's Saturday 8:00 am Philosophy class...chipping in to buy Fr. Stout's German Shepherd...Ouija board and "Lucy"...Marching Band director Gary Smith...all-nighters and "No Doze"...swimming in the quarry.

Turning to Ma Dunn in time of need...

"Ma Dunn was a lifesaver more than once...the most wonderful woman! She was a great surrogate mother."

—Eileen Daglas '72

"Ma Dunn was the best without a doubt."

—Mary Jo Smolen Bertrand '72

1971 Homecoming parade.



WHAT SONGS WERE THEY SINGING IN THE DORMS?

One Less Bell to Answer
Color My World
Spinning Wheel
Leaving on a Jet Plane
Suspicious Minds
Feeling Groovy
Crystal Blue Persuasion
Build Me Up Buttercup
Give Me Just a Little More Time
Aquarius
Anything by The Rascals, Motown, The Four Tops, Jimmy Ruffin, Fleetwood Mac, The Temptations, The Dells; anything from "Hair"

Missing Vets—Candy Alexander, Diane O'Leary, Colleen Thurston, Cindy Smith, Katie Cahill, Tia Zaranenello, Sue Naylor, Merrilyn Tomchaney, Mary Ellen Bosau, Joan Wenner, Sue Boryc, Mary Flahive, Terry Filas Foppe, Tee Hoovler, Nan Dine, Lina Heinrich, Debbie Scott—please contact Patty Lawson: pjlawson72@yahoo.com and register with the online alumni site.

40TH "VET" CLASS REUNION HOMECOMING 2012

Friday, September 28-30, 2012, 6:00pm
Saint Joseph's College





Senior year in Justin Lounge, 2nd floor, May 1972. TOP ROW (L to R): Patty Lawson, Mary Mullen Dippy, Kay Zimecki Campbell, Sue Boryc Pickard, Nan Dine Halton, Katie Cahill, Eileen McMahon Daglas, Ann Mary Sanaghan Homan, Kathy Rogers Rudis; 2ND ROW: Fran Krofka Bulington, Karen Henkle Wilson, Vicki Bunt Lauer, Linda Gelatka Forrest, Sue Sullivan Klima, Barb Freeman Kuzma, Kathy Elpers, Mary Wiehl; 3RD ROW: Debbie Scott Sanders, Connie Harris Weir, Kathy Choka, Dianne Gerlach Brunswick, Jan Chruby Accordino, Reggie Stimson Coyle, Kathy Dailey Phillips, Joan Wenner, Elizabeth "Ma" Dunn (house mother); BOTTOM ROW: Ann Osburn Gatto, Roz Ruda Buhning, Jane Ellspermann Cunningham, Sue O'Rourke, Doris Trotta Bukas, Mary Jo Smolen Bertrand, Maureen Moffo Shindeldecker, Jean Zarlengo DiGiulio, Janet Golden Martin

THE VETS ~ "When we returned for our sophomore year, we figured we had lived through, possibly, one of the most challenging years of our young lives. As we met the incoming class of freshman coeds, we made sure to let them know what we had been through and survived as the first class of on-campus coeds on a campus of 1,400 male Pumas. We were veterans for the cause of a new lifestyle at SJC. That, eventually, was shortened to 'The Vets,' and that's what we've called each other since sophomore year. What's so wonderful about it is there will never be another class of Vets and no one else can become one of us. If you weren't there, you just don't qualify. We are unique and extremely proud of our status as 'The Vets!'"

—Patricia Lawson '72

10th Year Reunion with Ma Dunn at Rafferty's in 1982. Seated: Conny Swary, Kathy Choka, Connie Weir, Patty Lawson; Back row: Vicki Bunt, Sue Sullivan, Dianne Gerlach, Karen Henkle, Kathy O'Rourke, Reggie Coyle, Ma Dunn, Jean Zarlengo DiGiulio.



Kathy Choka '72: "We dressed nice for classes, wore heels, and always looked pretty. The girls were really welcomed and made to feel at home. There was always something new—decorating the Fieldhouse for a ball game or performing for the Chicago Bears as the Pom-Pom Sweet 16. We may have aged but our hearts are still bonded."

Karen Henkle Wilson '72: "It didn't register that we were the first women or that we were making history. Professors had mixed feelings; it was a challenge for them. We had to wear a dress to dinner during my freshman year; during my sophomore year we could wear slacks and jeans."

Nancy Russman '72: "We lived in Justin Hall, half boys and half girls. I did learn in those first few weeks that goldfish cannot live in a urinal. By our second semester, we were no longer viewed as a threat and there was less hostility among the upperclassmen. We would study together, check each other's work. We were the first women and we were strong women."

Corlina (Lina) Heinrich Brickley '72: Lina found it a scary—yet fun—time. She enjoyed the small school atmosphere despite the very strict housing policies, check-in times, and bed checks. Lina supposed the junior and senior guys didn't like having the girls there. There were times it was crazy, but there was definitely a sense of camaraderie.

Denise Garbon Hedrick '72: Denise felt the campus was a mixed bag. She recalled the new dorm: "Third West was the best." Piling 10 women into a dorm room to "watch our soaps" is a vivid memory as were the food fights in the cafeteria. Denise transferred, but her heart is at Saint Joseph's College: "SJC is home."

Susan Ploszek-Necas '71: Susan "Suzie" passed away on January 31, 2010, but her memory is alive in the many hearts that she touched at SJC. Many say that she was the one that you went to when you needed to talk to someone—one student said that she was about to quit, but Suzie talked her out of it. She was "a very caring, sweet person."

Linda Gelatka Forrest '72: "I felt overall it was a very good experience. It was such a small class of women that we were very close; many of those have become lifelong friends. We're proud to be the first class that led the way for some wonderful changes at the College."

Conversations with the Vets ON THE COVER

*We asked them about
the first co-ed class at
SJC.*

EVENTS

Calendar

All times are CDT

Spring 2012

4/1: Band Spring Concert, 3:00 pm
4/12-14: Spring Musical, 8:00 pm
4/15: Jazz Concert, 4:00 pm
4/17: 2012 SJC Undergraduate Colloquium,
 “[Sustainably] Involved For Life”
 Evans Arts and Science Building,
 11:00 am–4:00 pm
4/21: Little 500
4/29: Spring Choral Concert, 4:00 pm and
 Academic Awards Ceremony
5/6: Commencement, Richard F. Scharf
 Alumni Fieldhouse, 1:00 pm
5/18: Board of Trustees Meeting, Trustees
 Scholarship Dinner and Auction
6/2: Fellows Mass, Induction, and Luncheon

4/7: *University of Wisconsin-Parkside*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/21: *Northern Kentucky University*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/22: *Northern Kentucky University*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/28: *Kentucky Wesleyan College*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/29: *Kentucky Wesleyan College*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm

SOFTBALL

3/20: *Lewis University*, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm
4/6: *University of Southern Indiana*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/7: *Kentucky Wesleyan College*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/13: *Urbana University*, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm
4/14: *Calumet College of Saint Joseph*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/18: *University of Indianapolis*, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm
4/21: *Bellarmino University*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/22: *Northern Kentucky University*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS

3/24: *University of Indianapolis*, 12:00 pm
4/6: *Northern Kentucky University*, 2:00 pm
4/7: *Bellarmino University*, 10:00 am
4/7: *Indiana University East*, 1:00 pm (M)
4/10: *Marian University*, TBA

Sports Schedule

Home games listed. GLVC games are in *italics*.

BASEBALL

3/24: *William Jewell College*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
3/25: *Rockhurst University*, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
4/3: *University of Indianapolis*, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm
4/6: *University of Wisconsin-Parkside*, 12:00 pm,
 2:00 pm

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK

3/24: Gene and Rose Edmonds Invitational, 10:00 am
3/31: Puma Invitational, 10:00 am
5/4-5: GLVC Championships, 10:00 am

Correction to SJC 2012 Calendar

Due to an error on our part, moms will now be awarded two Mother’s Day celebrations! (We all know they deserve it.) Mother’s Day is incorrectly identified on the 2012 calendar you received in the mail. Be sure to celebrate this special day on Sunday, May 13, 2012.





SJC Athletic Director **Bill Massoels '89** (L), Associate Professor of Management and Marketing **Teresa M. Scanlon Massoels '89** (R), and Patrick Massoels '15 (C)

LEGACY *Spotlight*

PATRICK MASSOELS '15

My parents played a huge role in my decision to attend SJC. I highly doubt I would have run in college without that motivation—and why would I run anywhere else? I chose to go to SJC largely because of my father. Ever since I was a kid, I have been groomed to be a runner for him one day. In fact, it was like I was coached by him in high school, as I seemed to know how to run the workouts better than my coaches did. He taught me how to be a smart runner when I was young, which made me an expert with practices.

My experience at SJC has certainly been unique. I am good at making friends. It takes a great deal to make me feel awkward or embarrassed in a situation, so I have had no problem meeting new people and giving them their own unique reasons to remember me.

I am a double major in Mass Communication and English-Creative Writing. I plan to go on and get a film degree from—hopefully—Columbia University. After that, I want to become a filmmaker and tell my stories to the world with beautiful visuals. It is my ambition to one day see my name at the start of a film's credits, right under the label "Directed by." I have already been able to write and publish a book, *The Lion's Pride*.

BILL MASSOELS '89

I really enjoyed my four years at SJC. I knew I needed to attend a college where I was not a number, because my high school experience was "homework homeroom," meaning if I could not finish my homework in homeroom, I was not

getting it finished. Well, that would not work at the college level. Further, I was doing basketball games on the radio as a sophomore, which allowed me to experience what it would be like as a journalist. Lastly, I was able to become an impact distance runner as a freshman. I also enjoyed the family atmosphere; we all ate in the same dining hall, so it was like having family meals.

I would say I played a large role in the recruitment of my son for SJC primarily because of my position as head coach, and it is my job to get the best cross country/track and field athletes I can to enroll at SJC.

TERESA M. SCANLON MASSOELS '89

My experience at SJC was great. I got bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science. The time I spent in the classroom and in the dorms was great.

I think both Bill and I encouraged Patrick to attend SJC. We told him to apply at other schools too so he would realize many schools wanted him. With Bill being a college coach, he missed out on seeing Patrick compete in many of his races. Bill has been waiting many years to recruit his son, knowing he will be able to see him practice and compete. It's going to be hard for me not to see him race every race.

SJC gave me a great education and prepared me so well to get a job. I actually had my job at Bethlehem Steel lined up before spring break of my senior year. Now that I teach here, I want to be able to make that possible for other SJC students too.

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The Classes of 1961 and 1960 celebrated their 50th reunion at Homecoming 2011 and 2010, respectively. Both classes adopted the restoration of the Fountain/Reflecting Pond in honor of their milestone reunion. Together, they raised \$48,368. The initial phase of restoration took place in Summer 2011 (see Fall 2011 *Contact*). Saint Joseph's College would like to thank the following individuals, businesses, and organizations that supported the honor class gift project:

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Fountain before restoration.



Men's Soccer Team Finds a

LEADER IN DAVID STROUD

David Stroud has been named the new head men's soccer coach following the departure of David Bokhart. Stroud served as interim head coach last season and becomes the 12th head coach in Saint Joseph's College history.

"This is a gratifying experience," said Stroud. "I went through last season as if nothing was owed to me and allowed the operation of the program to stand for itself. I learned a great deal last season and will continue to put forth an effort that fits the mission of SJC."



David Stroud

Stroud guided SJC to a 4-12-2 record this past season with a 4-9-2 mark in Great Lakes Valley Conference play, with four of the last seven matches decided by one goal. Stroud spent the 2009-10 season with the Pumas, working primarily with the keepers. In that span, SJC has posted a record of 17-15-3.

"David had the benefit of being able to interview for a position over an extended period of time," said

Massoels. "He demonstrated all the necessary qualities to be successful at SJC as well as in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. We believe that he will provide the players in our program a stabilizing message that will lead them to success."

Stroud has a diverse background, including two stops at NCAA Division II institutions. He previously served as an assistant coach under Marco Koolman at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., during the 2008-09 season. There, he helped the Ravens achieve a national ranking and a place in the 32-team NCAA Championship field. He was responsible for goalkeeper training and opponent scouting, in addition to other duties. He also served as the men's and women's tennis coach at FPU.

Prior to joining the FPU staff, he completed a variety of professional assignments in his native Japan. He worked with Okayama Yunogo Belle in the Japanese women's professional league as a goalkeeper trainer, where he worked with multiple national-level athletes, including the 2007 Asian Football Conference player-of-the-year nominee from Japan.

Before his return to Japan, Stroud was an assistant men's and women's soccer coach at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo., in 2002, and completed a graduate assistantship at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, from 2000 to 2002. Stroud holds a bachelor's degree from University of Tennessee-Martin and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Lake Erie College.

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Tyler Cook '15





SJC's Returning Players

ANCHOR A STRONG TEAM

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team opened the 2012 season with a number of new faces. SJC is trying to erase the sour taste of the 2011 season, when they posted a 22-25-1 mark after an 18-6-1 start.

SJC lost all but Quintin Alexander '14 from the starting infield. Alexander showcased impressive defensive skills last season and looks to improve his offense prowess. Aric Marquardt '12 is seeing action at a number of positions including first base. Marquardt saw most of his time in the outfield last season, where he hit .307 with six doubles and 17 RBIs. Eric Mason '13, who finished the season with a .236 average, remains behind the plate. The Pumas have a plethora of outfielders as Joe Pudlo '12 continues to man right field. Pudlo finished with a .298 batting average and 26 RBIs in 2011.

The Pumas returned the majority of their pitching staff as 86 percent of the innings pitched in 2011 are still on the roster. Eric Meyerchick '12 fronts the pitching staff with a career 16-10 record and 3.79 ERA. The hard-throwing right-hander pitched 70 innings last season and finished with a 4-5 record with 51 strikeouts. Chris Chojnowski '12 is in

his final season in a SJC uniform as he worked 39 innings last season with a 2.54 ERA.

SJC faces a challenging schedule, as this year's slate features a number of top-tier opponents to go along with an always difficult GLVC schedule. The Pumas opened their season on February 18 in Arkadelphia, Ark. to play Ouachita Baptist.

The second weekend of the season, SJC played at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn. The Pumas matched up against St. Cloud State University in a four game set. St. Cloud State University was eliminated in the NCAA Regional by the eventual World Series runner-up Winona State University.

"Our schedule speaks volumes to what we are trying to accomplish. We arguably play in the toughest Division II conference in the country, coupled with a strong non-conference slate. We are being challenged week in and week out, which will prepare our team for the competition in the postseason," said head coach **Rick O'Dette '99**.



Quintin Alexander '14

SJC Softball Hopes for

GLVC TOURNAMENT

The Saint Joseph's College softball team opened the season in March with a sense of urgency. Brittnie Boerema '12 and Rachel Weaver '13 have reset the record books offensively, but SJC has not made a Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament appearance since 2009.

The Pumas were picked to finish seventh in the GLVC East Division in the annual preseason Coaches Poll. SJC started their season with 10 games in Florida before returning to Rensselaer for the start of the conference slate. SJC will host Missouri-St. Louis and Maryville on the opening weekend.

Non-conference affairs against Grand Valley State and Urbana are also mixed into a busy spring schedule. The top three teams from the GLVC East Division, the top two teams from the West Division and three wild card teams will earn a berth in the 2012 GLVC Softball Tournament April 27-29 at EastSide Centre in East Peoria, Ill.

SJC returned six players and both members of the pitching staff from the 19-26 squad of 2011. All-American Brittnie Boerema (Sr., Manhattan, Ill./Lincoln-Way Central) is the mainstay behind the plate. Boerema finished last season with a plethora of postseason honors as she held a .296 batting average with five home runs and 26 RBIs.

Amy Varner '12 (Sr., Mount Prospect, Ill./Prospect) had a team-best .345 batting average last season and solidifies the middle infield. Both Boerema and Varner held a fielding percentage over .950 last season. At first base, Rachel Weaver (Sr., Crown Point, Ind./Lake Central) held a .276 batting average last season with four home runs and 22 RBIs.

The return of Megan Ramey '13 (Jr., Yorktown, Ind./Yorktown) and Sarah Franklin '13 (Jr., Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove)

to the rubber adds experience to the pitching staff. Ramey finished last season 9-12 with a 2.52 ERA and 118 strikeouts. Franklin went through 154.2 innings in 2011 while holding a 10-13 mark and a 2.72 ERA.



Rachel Weaver '13



Amy Varner '12



Brittnie Boerema '12

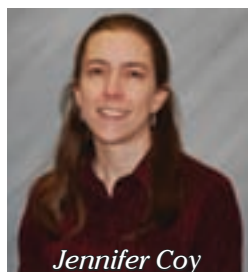
FACULTY Notes

JENNIFER BARCE, Ph.D., Professor of Education, became a member of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education Dual Credit Review Board. Barce also participated in the NCATE Specialized Program Accreditation Review Board for Elementary Education.



Brian Capouch

BRIAN CAPOUCH, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, gave a presentation on October 18 to the Jasper County Historical Society, "The Culp Family of Jasper County." In December, Capouch was the featured speaker at the Jasper County Retired Iron Club, the topic being "Magneto Telephones."

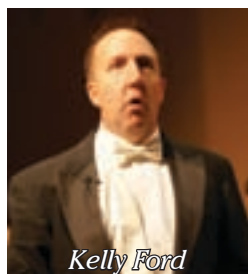


Jennifer Coy

JENNIFER COY, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics and Computer Science, is now the Indiana Space Grant Consortium (INSGC) Affiliate Director, as SJC has been approved for affiliate status with the INSGC. As an affiliate of the INSGC, SJC students and faculty will be

provided with opportunities for fellowships, scholarships, internships, and project awards related to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

DAVE DIXON, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, refereed a manuscript on pastoral authority for Sociology of Religion on November 27.



Kelly Ford

KELLY FORD, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choirs, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, serving a three-year term. He is also a member of the Education Outreach Committee, which specializes in providing performance

opportunities to musically underserved schools in Indiana. Ford presented a lecture/discussion to Music students at Central Michigan University entitled "Preparing for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal: Musical Implications"

on October 20. He served as Adjudicator (General Effect) for a Scholastic Marching Band Festival at Kankakee Valley High School. Eleven high school bands participated in the event. Ford organized a trip to see the LSO/Kentucky Opera Company production of Carmen on October 29. More than 40 SJC students attended the performance. He also organized a trip to Saint John Cantius Church in Chicago in order for students to attend a High Solemn Tridentine Mass on the Feast of All Souls, on November 2. The Mass featured the Requiem in D minor (K. 626) with full orchestra and chorus. Thirty-three SJC students attended the event.



Bill Hartley

BILL HARTLEY, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology, co-authored a book with William G. Hinkle, The Decisive Decade in the History of the Elmira Reformatory (1867-1877): Instituting a Reformatory System of Prison Discipline.

MAIA HAWTHORNE, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, attended the National Council for Teachers of English annual convention in Chicago in November.

TODD HUFF '03, Lecturer, obtained a certificate of completion for Introduction to Work Cell Design from Purdue University in August and obtained the Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in December. He completed a comprehensive audit of fabricating and insulating processes at Coleman Cable, Inc. October 19-21 in El Paso, Texas; he surpassed the goal of \$500,000 worth of material usage reductions relative to 2010 while maintaining \$1.1 million worth of reductions made in 2010 relative to 2009. In November,

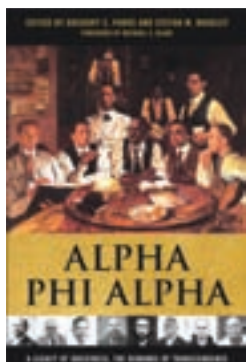


Maia Hawthorne

he visited Chem Technologies in Middlefield, Ohio, to learn about the Kneader rubber mixing process and did a consultation for Esteves Group in Fort Wayne, Ind.; he was also elected Interim Vice President of the SJC Council of Fellows.



JOANNA HUNTER, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology, published her book chapter (with Gregory S. Parks), "The Complexities of Alpha Phi Alpha's Contemporary Image Projection" in *Alpha Phi Alpha: A Legacy of Greatness, the Demands of Transcendence* by University of Kentucky Press. Hunter was invited to review "Rethinking Race and Ethnicity in Research Methods" by John H. Stanfield for the journal *Symbolic Interaction*. The review will likely appear in the summer issue of that journal.



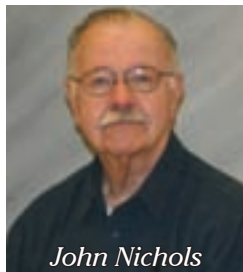
REV. JEFFREY KIRCH, C.PPS. '98, participated in a panel discussion on February 18 entitled "The Bishop and the Academic Theologian: 21st Century Issues," at a colloquium sponsored by Loyola University and Marquette University. Along with **Dr. Michael Nichols '00** and Dr. David Boop, Kirch attended a workshop, "Theological Exploration of Vocation," sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges' NetVUE program on March 23-24.

TERESA M. MASSOELS '89, Associate Professor of Management and Marketing, attended NCAA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. January 13-14 as an SJC Faculty Athletic Representative. She attended the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) January 19-20 with support from the Lumina Foundation for Education. She met with other two- and four-year colleges as well as universities from Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri to create a plan to better prepare students who want to work with a concentration in Marketing after graduation. On January 25, Massoels attended the Saint Joseph's College Business Networking Reception in Chicago. The reception saw a total of 85 attendees, marking the 10th anniversary of this event.



CHRIS MOSS, DHSc, LAT, ATC, Director of Athletic Training, and Instructor of Athletic Training, completed his coursework and was

awarded a Doctor of Health Science degree from Nova Southeastern University in September 2011. Moss is an Adjunct Instructor of Athletic Training for SJC. The Athletic Training major is in its first year at SJC.



JOHN NICHOLS, Ph.D., NEH Distinguished Professor, was invited to become a member of the new HLC Eligibility Council (a group that will judge applications from institutions seeking initial accreditation) and attend a November 10-11 session in Lisle, Ill.

on putting the new Criteria for Eligibility into practice. In October, Nichols put together—from HLC and institutional documentation—case statements on the reaffirmation of accreditation for two institutions in the AQIP process for accreditation: The College of Saint Mary (NE) and Dakota State University (SD).

HEIDI L. RAHE, Assistant Professor of Communication, attended the National Academic Advising Association Annual Convention in Denver, Colo., October 1-5.

CLAUDIA SADOWSKI, Instructor of Spanish, received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Award on January 16.



GARY E. SANDERS, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Physical Education, has received the 2011-2012 "Indiana Dance Educator of the Year" award from the Indiana American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He has served

AAHPERD as the Central District Dance Chair, Southwest District Dance Chair, and Iowa Dance Chair; he is currently Vice President of Dance for IAHPERD. He has shared his knowledge with professionals at the elementary and secondary levels through his co-authored resource, "Teaching Dance in Elementary and Secondary Physical Education." His teaching philosophy has been influenced by Bill T. Jones, Stew Schacklette, Don Allen, and Ya'akov Eden and Ellen Cromwell. IAAHPERD published that since Sanders joined the SJC faculty, "his focus has been to regenerate the dance program. He has developed new methods for courses, implemented a variety of dances that students enjoy, and the courses he teaches have a waiting list for student participation. The popularity of the dance program continues to grow

under Dr. Sander's leadership." Sanders was recently granted tenure at SJC.

ILICIA SPREY, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, attended "The Great War: From Memory to History" conference at the University of Western Ontario in Canada on November 11. Sprey was the Chair and Recusant in the session "Allegory, Iconography, and History," in "Making History: Challenging the Past" at the University of Western Ontario on November 12.



Jody Taylor Watkins

JODY TAYLOR WATKINS, Ph.D., Associate Professor, attended the Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors (MAPLA) conference in Chicago, October 28-29.

ROBB THIEL, Associate Professor of Music, served as Percussion Adjudicator for the Lakeshore High School Marching Band Competition on October 8 in Stevensville, Mich.



Robb Thiel

KAREN VENDITTI, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, attended MSD Pike Township's third annual Literocity Conference in Indianapolis

on October 1. On October 4, she presented to students at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana for their after-school "Mitch's Kids" college and career speakers' sessions in Cedar Lake. Venditti attended the Association of Teacher Educators-Indiana (ATE-I) annual fall conference in Nashville, Ind. October 8-10 with Dr. Jennifer Barce. Venditti participated in Licensing Advisors' and Field Directors' Forums and also presented awards for Outstanding University Supervisors and an annual report as the chair of the Research and Publications Committee. On October 21, she attended the Indiana Department of Education's Reading Professors Consortium meeting in Indianapolis with Dr. Jennifer Barce and Dr. Jerry McKim. Venditti attended the Indiana Department of Education's LETRS Training in Indianapolis on October 24. She was an Indiana Academic Spell Bowl regional competition proctor at Pierce Intermediate School in Merrillville, Ind. on October 25. Also in October, Venditti represented the Puma Educators' Association and chaired the Advisor's Advisory Council session at the Indiana Student Education Association's Annual Fall Conference in Indianapolis. In November, she attended the National Education Association's "Student Connections" conference in Houston, Texas; she represented Indiana Advisors

from the Indiana Student Education Association. Venditti was nominated for membership and inducted into the international honor society for female educators—Delta Kappa Gamma's Alpha Omega Chapter of Lake and Porter Counties. In January, she completed a three-credit online course, "Foundations of Teaching Reading," sponsored by the Indiana Department of Education from the American College of Education; she attended the National Education Association's Midwest Regional Leadership Conference in Chicago as the Indiana Higher Education Representative, and attended the ISTA Board of Directors' meeting in Indianapolis as the Higher Education Representative.

BONNIE ZIMMER, Associate Professor of Art and Assistant Professor of Education, and Dana Zier, Instructor, co-coordinated a juried exhibition, "State of Mind: Recent Work by Saint Joseph's College Art Students and Faculty," on display January 6–February 10 at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation Galleries in Lafayette, Ind. Zier's large still-lives were included, and Zimmer's "Homage to Life on the Farm" mandala. Zimmer was coordinator of the 20th Annual Regional School Art Exhibitions, co-sponsored by SJC and Prairie Arts Council. Exhibitions feature artwork by art students in Jasper, Newton, and surrounding county schools. The middle level show runs March 19–April 8. Shows are produced in collaboration with area art teachers to bring visibility to their programs and bring regional families to campus. More than 1,000 local residents will visit SJC campus. Zimmer was guest curator for "Triple Visions: Three Emerging Artists" with the Prairie Arts Council at the Lilian Fendig Gallery, Rensselaer, Ind. Zimmer was artist-in-residence for Walnut Elementary School in Crawfordville, Ind. on Dec. 19; "Exploring the Mandala" was a day of presentations and workshops with K-6th grade students. Zimmer was presenter and workshops instructor for the Art Education Association of Indiana's Annual Conference, Nov. 4-6 in Indianapolis. She coordinated a sculptural installation with 15 art teachers at Martin House Hotel and did "Footloose with a Hubcab," a creativity building workshop with 18 art teachers.



LANA ZIMMER, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, attended the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference (AASHE) in Pittsburgh, Penn. October 9-12. Many issues were explored, including sustainability in Catholic higher education, which linked our Catholic mission, identity, and environmental sustainability. She attended a conference November 14-15 entitled "Indiana's Future: Navigating New

Demands and New Directions,” sponsored by University of Indianapolis Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning. Zimmer was honored with the Anne Patterson Graduate Paper Award in Teacher Education from

the Association of Teacher Educators-Indiana for her dissertation, entitled “Preservice Teachers’ Perceptions of Place and Curriculum: An Essential Link to the Realization of Critical Place-Based Education.”

58 YEARS OF TEACHING



IN MEMORIAM ~ DR. ROBERT J. GARRITY, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH March 6, 1931—January 27, 2012

“Dr. Garrity: Academic dean. Fellow thespian. Inspiring teacher. Proud father and grandfather. I knew Bob Garrity as each and all of these. His intelligence, his sense of humor, his integrity...all have impacted students, colleagues, friends and family. His influence will live on in all of us, and he will be remembered with love and gratitude.” -**Janeen Wenstrup Kooi '82**

“The time spent with Dr. Garrity was some of the most enriching in my educational career. In his speaking, he connected so many topics to the class with his well rounded wealth of knowledge. He truly taught his students to make connections in many disciplines so that we could be just as astute in our professions as well. He was truly an educator that gave all he could to his students and prepared them to be involved for life.” -**Matthew Hess '14**

“Bob and I are from the same neighborhood in Pittsburgh. I knew his family and sisters, but I did not know Bob until I met him here at SJC. Bob was an inspiration: as a father, Gloria’s husband, an academician, a friend and colleague, and as a man of deep religious convictions. Bob’s office was just down the hall from mine, and periodically Bob would drop off an article he had just read, one that he thought I might enjoy reading. I always read the articles or newspaper clippings. However, even more interesting than the article, I really like reading Bob’s notations or comments in the margins. Or I might add—Bob’s corrections. A week before Bob passed, I visited him at home. He had just finished his Scripture readings when I arrived. He was sitting in his chair eating a chocolate bar (he loved chocolate), smiling, wrapped in his Steelers blanket. Now that’s a neat picture! When one of our students who had Dr. Garrity as a professor heard that I was going to see Bob, he asked me if I could take something for Dr. Garrity. He gave me a bouquet of flowers and a note thanking Dr. Garrity for the privilege to have had Dr. Garrity as his professor. Bob’s professorship was so important to his students.” -**Tom Ryan, Ed.D., '70, Associate Professor of Education**

“I consider Bob to be one of the great personalities I’ve ever known. He had a knowledge of history and philosophy that astounded his students, who thought he was brilliant. Plus he was an actor, he loved to sing and play Trivial Pursuit or any other game that let him use his keen knowledge of history and literature, and he loved to win. That was Bob.” -**Charles Kerlin, Ph.D., Professor of English**

CLASS Notes

FRED STUCKER, M.D. '56 is this year's Gene Tardy Scholar, an annual recognition award presented to the facial plastic surgeon who has advanced the art and science of facial plastic surgery by virtue of unusually exemplary and unique teaching contributions and outstanding leadership qualities, resulting in enduring benefit to the specialty. Dr. Stucker has contributed to the field of facial plastic surgery in many ways and served the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc. (AAFPRS) in various roles and capacities. He is a renowned leader in the area of facial plastics and as a former president and board member of the AAFPRS, he led the first medical delegation to Russia to provide care for children with clefts. Asked once what advice he would give a young surgeon on how best to succeed, Dr. Stucker offered: "Concentrate on areas for which you have passion."

DAVID MANN '60 retired from the California State Teachers System.

JAMES W. MCCAULEY, PH.D. '61 is the 2011 recipient of the Charles L. Hosler Alumni Scholar Medal in recognition of his extensive scientific contributions, administrative leadership at Alfred University and the Army Research Laboratory, and service to his profession. The Charles L. Hosler Alumni Scholar Medal was established in 1992 to recognize the very highest levels of intellectual achievement attained by those educated in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State. McCauley is a chief scientist and ARL Fellow at the Army Research Laboratory in Aberdeen, Maryland, the highest ranking scientific position at ARL. He is particularly well known for his invention of AION, aluminum oxynitride, a new transparent ceramic. He was also instrumental in pioneering research for synthesizing non-oxide ceramics, in which he united international research efforts, especially with Russia and Japan.



James W. McCauley, Ph.D. '61 (R) and William Easterling (L), dean of the Penn State University College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

GLENN A. DOBECKI, M.D. '62 has practiced dermatology for the last 39 years and continues his practice in a suburb of Boston, Mass.



Bishop Donald Hying, Patrick J. Murphy, Ph.D. '64, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, and Bishop Richard Sklba

PATRICK J. MURPHY, PH.D. '64 received the Vatican II Award for Distinguished Service in Education from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Pictured with Dr. Murphy are Bishop Donald Hying, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, and Bishop Richard Sklba.

ED "CASEY" JONES '75 is the South Team's head basketball coach for the New Jersey Girls Basketball All-Star Game.

DUANE A. GOETTEMOELLER '76 has been elected judge of Sidney Municipal Court in Sidney Shelby County, Ohio.

PATRICIA A. KNIGHT '77, a CPA and partner at RitzHolman CPAs in Milwaukee, Wis., received the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants (WICPA) Achievement Award. The award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments within the WICPA and/or the CPA profession. An advocate for the accounting profession and the community, Knight serves on numerous boards of directors and volunteers countless hours to local and statewide committees. She is passionate about her career and inspires other professionals to get involved and give back to

the profession. “For over 30 years I’ve seen our clients’ needs and desires for our skills continuously grow, and the WICPA has strived to ensure the profession meets those needs with competence, compassion and a commitment to ethical principles,” said Knight.

KATHERINE A. WORDEN, D.O. '82: The Worden family has always been connected to SJC—including my grandmother, Lucy Worden, R.N., who worked in the infirmary decades ago; my dad, **RICHARD C. WORDEN '51**, who attended the Academy and College; his brother, Jim, who worked in the Carpenter Shop and is an SJC Fellow; my cousin, **CAROL LANE WOOD '74**; and my niece **JENNY WORDEN CHANDLER '88**. I was privileged to teach in the Biology Department from 1979 to 1984. I am now a practicing physician and Associate Professor at Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Ariz., where I teach osteopathic medical students and continue to treat patients in a holistic manner. Thanks to all who helped make this possible.

DON KERSEY '84 relocated to his hometown in Indianapolis, Ind. to open his own insurance agency on the Southside.

ALICIA DOBBELS CLEVINGER '91 will be honored at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame’s 11th Annual Women’s Banquet as a member of the 2012 Women’s Silver Anniversary Team. As a four-year starter at Seeger High School, West Lebanon, Ind., Clevenger finished with 1,005 points and 871 rebounds. She graduated with 16 school records, and was also a four-year swimming team MVP and four-time state qualifier. Clevenger also scored 1,000 points at SJC and is a member of the SJC Sports Hall of Fame. She is the principal at Edgelea Elementary, Lafayette, Ind.



Alicia Dobbels Clevenger '91

CORRECTION TO LAST ISSUE ~ In the fall 2011 issue of *Contact*, we incorrectly attributed an award for Outstanding Public Service from the Indiana Conference of Higher Education. It was awarded to **KURT KROUSE '96** in 1994.

KURT KROUSE '96 received his Master’s in Nursing from University of Kentucky in 2007 and is currently working as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Acute Care, for St. Joseph’s Hospital in Lexington, Ky. in the GI clinic. He also volunteers regularly at the Lexington Rescue Mission, which provides healthcare to the uninsured and indigent of Lexington and surrounding communities.



Kurt Krouse '96

JIM WILLIAMS '98 is a senior litigation associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, a law firm in Chicago, Ill. that represents corporations in a wide variety of law suits.

DONALD SHANAHAN '01 is an instructional coach with Concept Schools, a charter school management company based in Des Plaines, Ill., comprising 27 schools in seven states. Shanahan works with west region schools in Chicago, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Detroit, Peoria, St. Louis, and in the state of Minnesota to improve student performance, aid in curriculum development (particularly at the elementary education level), research educational resources, provide professional development, organize regional educational events, and evaluate teacher performance.

STARR N. BURDE '02 graduated from Calumet College of St. Joseph with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting with a concentration in Forensic Accounting.

KAYLEE HOFMEISTER '09 is an admissions counselor for Saint Joseph’s College.

ENGAGEMENTS

BLAIRE HENLEY '02 to Kyle Evans. An April 2012 wedding is planned with the following Pumas in the wedding party: **JORDAN HENLEY VANDEHEY '07** and **HEATHER HAGAN MCVEIGH '01**.



Starr N. Burde '02 and Robert W. Sheehan

STARR N. BURDE '02 to Robert W. Sheehan. An October 2012 wedding in Hawaii is planned.

TRISHA TABLER '08 to Luke Robinson. A November 2013 wedding is planned.

MARRIAGES

Margaret Mary Ruff to **DEACON THOMAS J. NOLAN '67**, 9/4/11.

MARIAN PACK '94 to Mark Cunningham, 8/12/11.

VICKI VALLONE '97 to Andrew Forquer, 7/23/11.

ERIN BREETZKE '98 to Brad Hensch, 9/1/11. **AMANDA BREETZKE HAVENS '01** was the matron of honor and **MINDY KEVER TRZYNKA '98** attended.

ANGELA HUPFER '00 to John Bossnack, 5/7/11.

HEATHER HAGAN '01 to Michael McVeigh, 11/13/10. **BLAIRE HENLEY '02** was the maid of honor.

DONALD SHANAHAN '01 to Thanh Trieu, 3/5/11.

AMY HARRELL '04 to Aaron Burkhardt, 5/21/11.

KRISTIN GANDURSKI '05 to Jason Stiltner, 10/08/11.

MARISSA KLEBS '05 to Tim Cope, 10/8/11.

STEPHANIE BUTLER '06 to Michael Vanderhere, 12/30/06.

MIKE MARSHALL '06 to **MELISSA MELINAUSKAS '06**, 11/19/11.

AMBER SALAS '07 to John Anthony Vuko, 6/18/11. **AMANDA DRERUP '08** was a bridesmaid and **REV. JEFFREY KIRCH, C.P.P.S. '98** officiated. There were other Pumas in attendance.

EDWARD SCHLUETER '11 to **MEAGAN ANDERSON '10**, 10/7/11. Pumas in the wedding party included **ARIC MARQUARDT '12**, **ERIC MEYERCHICK '12**, **JOHN MILLER '11**, and **ERIC PANICK '12**.

ZACHARY MOCEK '11 to **MEAGAN FAIRCHILD '11**, 10/8/11.



Erin Breetzke '98 wed Brad Hensch on September 1, 2011



Stephanie Butler '06 wed Michael Vanderhere on December 30, 2006

BIRTHS

Liam Patrick McLemore to Michael and **SUSAN KRAMER MCLEMORE '05**, 4/29/11.

Liam James Williams to Melissa and **JIM WILLIAMS '98**, 5/8/11.

Margaret Elizabeth Norton to **DAVE '03** and **CARRIE MONFORTON NORTON '03**, 6/8/11. Margaret is welcomed to the family by proud grandparents **DOUGLAS '71** and **JAN GARBON MONFORTON '73**, aunt **JENNIFER MONFORTON '03**, great uncle **STEPHEN BRINKER '68** and wife Lea, and second cousin **ALAN BRINKER '98**.

Quinn Deegan Engels to Nate and **KAREY KLOTT ENGELS '97**, 9/2/11. Quinn joins big brothers Owen (7) and Jaxon (5).

Caroline Arlene Roberts to Rodney and **CINDY STANKO ROBERTS '98**, 9/16/11.

Oren Textrum to Greg and **MARISSA MARHOUL TEXTRUM '95**, 9/28/11. Oren is welcomed to the family by big sister Charlotte.

Elizabeth Mikenna Bugajski to **BRIAN '05** and **KRISTI ZURAWSKI BUGAJSKI '05**, 9/29/11.

Elliott Kreilkamp Newman to Christopher Scott and **EMMY KREILKAMP NEWMAN '94**, 11/3/11. Elliott is welcomed to the family by proud grandparents SJC Professor Emeritus H. Donald and **MARY ELLEN CEBULSKI KREILKAMP '75**, and **ROBERT NEWMAN '64**.

Marlee Ann Graf to Scott and **ELIZABETH MORRIS GRAF '04**, 11/18/11. She is welcomed to the family by big sisters Haley (6) and Madison (4) and great aunt **LINDA SAYLER KINGMA '84**.

RALPH POLLARO '73 welcomed two granddaughters to the family: Adella (Addie) Mary, 10/27/11; and Evelyn (Edie) Rachel, 12/3/11.



Margaret Elizabeth Norton



Elizabeth Mikenna Bugajski



Elliott Kreilkamp Newman

Mylee Jean Taulman to Mark and **MIRANDA GILBERT TAULMAN '03**, 1/16/12. Mylee is welcomed to the family by big sister Morgan (5) and big brother Marek (4).

FRANK and Jane **CACCAMO '61** are the proud grandparents of Hannah Jane Ibrahim, 1/24/12.



Mylee Jean Taulman



Hannah Jane Ibrahim

DEATHS

EDWARD J. SANDRICK '35, SJC Fellow, 6/18/11.

REV. JOHN SPATT, C.PPS. '37, 12/9/11.

REV. W. HENRY KENNEY, S.J. '39, 10/3/11.

ARTHUR P. DANIEL, M.D. '40, 7/28/11.

JACOB FORWITH '41, 11/26/11.

PAUL A. MAINZER '43, SJC Fellow, 12/22/10

DALE F. O'CONNOR '49, 4/12/10.

LEO TONNER '50, brother/brother-in-law of SJC Fellows Pama and **DONALD '42**, Elizabeth and **GEORGE '43**, Phyllis and **ROBERT '47**, **ARTHUR '52**, Elizabeth and Gerald, and Harold Tonner, 1/7/12.

REV. ERNEST W. RANLY, C.PPS. '52 and SJC Fellow, 11/18/11.

RALPH E. WAGNER '54, 04/03/2010.

G. RICHARD DANIELAK '54, 7/7/11.

REV. LEONARD S. MISEY, K.H.S. '55, 9/16/11.

CAMILLE and **ALOYSIUS "AL" STRYCK '57**, SJC Fellows, 12/29/10 and 1/10/12 respectively.

ROBERT E. WARD '58, 6/19/11.

JAMES MICHAEL MCGOWAN '59, 9/17/11.

DENNIS H. BIGGERSTAFF '61, SJC Fellow, 11/7/11.

EDWARD L. LYSAUGHT, CPA '63, 8/8/11.

SR. JOSELYN BRENNER, O.S.F. '63, 10/10/11.

MARK A. PERRIGO '64, 6/29/11.

WILLIAM "BILL" HIPPLE '66, 1/1/12.

SR. MARIE K. WELTER, O.L.V.M. '69, 7/31/11.

KERRY J. KOSTA '73, 3/18/10.

MARY LOU VORST ALTENBURGER '75, 5/2/11.

MICHAEL W. TACKETT '96, SJC Fellow and husband of **JACQUELYN LEONARD TACKETT '95**, SJC Fellow, 1/25/12.

JOHN A. STIPHER '99, brother of **SARAH STIPHER JENNIGES '01**, 9/29/11.

JULIE DEMERATH '01, 6/14/11.

SUSAN "SUSIE" FAHEY MAZANEC, daughter of **ROBERT J. FAHEY '66**, 8/28/06.

RUDOLPH "RUDY" KLECAN, father/father-in-law of **ALBERT '79** and **JEAN KLECAN BRYAN '79**, 4/8/09.

CARL J. ANDRES, D.D.S., father/father-in-law of **JOSEPH '92** and **DAWN ANDRES HOSTETLER '92**, 6/16/10.

ADDISON CALEIGH STOUT, daughter of **MATTHEW '02** and **STEPHANIE CAIN STOUT '03**, 8/8/10.

WILLIAM STAEHLE, grandparent of **MICHAEL J. STAEHLE '08**, 1/2/11.

GERALDINE PERROTTE, wife of **RICHARD PERROTTE '66**, 1/10/11.

MARY C. BAUTERS, mother of **TERRENCE BAUTERS '82**, 2/13/11.

DARL FREEL, father of **JEREMY FREEL '03**, 3/3/11.

CAROL J. CLAEYS, wife of **LOUIS A. CLAEYS '67**, 6/19/11.

MAE WOOD, wife of SJC Fellow John C. Wood, 7/6/11.

BRADY EDWARD ZGONINA, son of **JOSEPH ZGONINA '95**, 10/2/11.

HAZELMAE SCHREEG, mother, mother-in-law, grandparent, and great grandparent of SJC Fellows Tim and Pama Schreeg, Ashley Hughes, Brandon and Elizabeth Schreeg, Jackson Hughes, and Adelyn Hughes, 10/9/11.

ANN JONES, mother of **CHRISTOPHER JONES '14**, 10/18/11.

JOHN "JACK" P. SULLIVAN, SR., father/father-in-law of **JOHN P., JR. '85** and **DIANA SZUCS SULLIVAN '86**, 10/18/11.

REV. EDWARD JOYCE, C.P.P.S., former SJC Trustee and SJC Fellow, 10/22/11.

RALPH EDWARD "IKE" DONNELLY, father of **THOMAS '87** and **SCOTT '70**, and father-in-law of SJC Faculty Karen Donnelly, 10/24/11.

KENT E. MAHNESMITH, SJC Friend, 10/30/11.

ANGELO D. SAKELARIS, father/father-in-law of **JAMES '80** and **KRIS COSTA SAKELARIS '82**, 11/8/11.

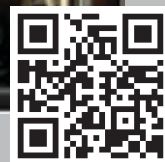
MELVIN HOVEST, brother-in-law of **BR. JEROME SCHULTE, C.P.P.S. '55**, 11/10/11.

HOMER BANISTER, father of SJC employee Steve Banister, 11/10/11.

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Pete Bensen '84

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Kevin McGuff '92

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Bill Hogan '74

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JEANETTE VIGEANT, SJC Fellow and wife of former SJC faculty and Fellow **Robert J. Vigeant**, mother/mother-in-law of **THERESE VIGEANT KURA '83**, **DONALD '85** and **MARIE VIGEANT GANDY '86**, and **JEANNE VIGEANT '86**, 11/12/11.

MANUEL CAAL, father of Rev. Dario Caal, C.PPS., 11/13/11.

WILLIAM "BILL" ARTHUR MILLER, father-in-law of SJC employee Sheryl Miller and grandfather of **KRISTEN MILLER '12**, 11/16/11.

OTHMAR "OTT" SCHNIPKE, father of **REV. KENNETH R. SCHNIPKE, C.PPS. '84**, 11/18/11.

ROBERT BARBER, SJC Fellow, 11/20/11.

LOIS REED, SJC Fellow and mother-in-law of SJC faculty member Anita Reed; grandparent of **BLAIN REED CARROLL '08** and **CRISTEN LIERSCH WAY '11**; and grandparent-in-law of **MARIO DIRUZZA '03**; 11/26/11.

MARGUERITE S. WENSTRUP, mother of **JANEEN WENSTRUP KOOI '82** and grandmother of **SARAH '13** and **ROXIE KOOI '10**, 12/2/11.

Jane Clemens, wife of **DONALD CLEMENS '77** and sister-in-law of **GEORGE CLEMENS '75**, 12/3/11.

JOSEPH C. LOWERY, stepfather of **EMILY A. YOUNG '14**, 12/9/11.

MARILYN REAM, mother of SJC employee Theresa Staddon and grandmother of **HEATHER GEESA '05**, 12/28/11.

JAMES "JIM" OGGER, father of **JILL OGGER SEDMAK '97**, 12/31/11.

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CEIL FRIEBEL, step-mother of **REV. RICHARD FRIEBEL, C.PPS. '73**, 1/6/12.

CLEONA WYEN, mother of **REV. LAWRENCE WYEN, C.PPS. '65**, **THEODORE WYEN '81**, and aunt of **THOMAS WYEN '73**, 1/12/12.

CARL M. PLOENSE, JR., grandparent of **STEVEN PLOENSE '12**, 1/20/12.

MILDRED GARLOCK, SJC Fellow and mother of SJC Fellow Ann Garlock Moriarty, 1/21/12.

JAMES ORTMAN, father/father-in-law of **MICAH '03** and **KARI ORTMAN COMBS '04**, 1/23/12.

ROBERT J. GARRITY, Ph.D., SJC Professor of English and parent of **JUDITH GARRITY KAUFMAN '95**, **ROBERT J. GARRITY, JR. '83**, and grandparent of **MICHAEL C. GARRITY '11**, 1/27/12.

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The trip was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I have always wanted to travel to Europe—especially London. So when I heard that some students from SJC were going, I jumped on board. The trip was more than just seeing what London had to offer. It was also a bonding experience for everyone that went along. The city was everything I imagined. The people, the architecture, the history were all so rich with culture. I am so happy that I got to fulfill one of my dreams by visiting this city. SJC gave me the opportunity to go on this wonderful trip, and I am so excited that I went.

—JOE KARPIAK '13

Below: Students near Parliament and Big Ben. L to R: Hannah Sparks '12, Joe Karpiak '13, Melissa Barrett '12, Stephanie Wiethrop '12, and Colleen Wittmann '12.





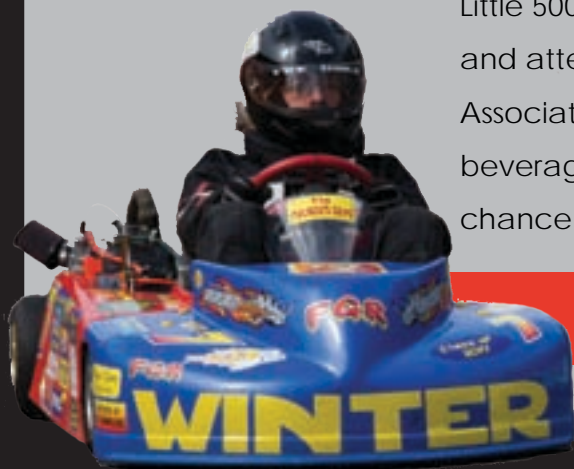
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